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SUBJ: HARRY JAYEWARDENE CANDIDACY ON UN SUB-COMMITTEE

REF: (A) COLOMBO 0547; (B) STATE 31685

1. MFA OFFICIALS REPORTED TO AMBASSADOR THAT GENEVA ASIAN GROUP UNABLE REACH CONSENSUS ON CANDIDATES AS NINE ASIANS CONTINUE TO COMPETE FOR FIVE POSITIONS. FOUR OF PRESENT MEMBERS ARE SEEKING REELECTION -- INDIA, PAKISTAN, IRAN AND SYRIA.

2. MFA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SINCE THERE WAS NO ASIAN GROUP CONSENSUS (REF B REPORTED TO HIM EARLIER), USG WOULD SUPPORT HARRY JAYEWARDENE'S CANDIDACY. OFFICIAL POINTED OUT GSL HAD NEVER HAD A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMISSION AND JAYEWARDENE WAS CLEARLY A SOLID, RESPONSIBLE CANDIDATE WELL-CONNECTED WITHIN THE GSL. WE CONCUR WITH THESE OBSERVATIONS.

3. IN ADDITION TO SEEKING OUR DIRECT SUPPORT IN THE SECRET BALLOT AT ELECTION TIME, HE HOPED WE WOULD USE OUR GOOD OFFICES TO ENCOURAGE BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA IN LATIN AMERICA
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AND IVORY COAST, LESOTHO, RWANDA IN AFRICA ALSO TO SUPPORT JAYEWARDENE.

4. AMBASSADOR SAID HE AGREED JAYEWARDENE WOULD BE WELL-QUALIFIED FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE AND WOULD PASS HIS REQUEST TO USG.
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